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**Subject: Guidelines of scheme "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students".**

- i) In order to remove layers resulting in time lag and to facilitate proper control over the implementation and monitoring of the two Central sector scholarship schemes for ST students viz; Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship and Top Class Education, the Ministry merged these two schemes into a single Central Sector Scheme called "**National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students**". Guidelines were issued on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.
- ii) Now, the **guidelines have been further revised and shall be effective from 2017-18 onwards.**
- iii) Guidelines are available at <https://tribal.nic.in/Schemes.aspx> (Scholarship section).

**GUIDELINES  
FOR THE CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME  
OF  
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP &  
SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
OF  
SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS**

**MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
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**Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

**Guidelines for the Central Sector Scheme of National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students.**

**1.0 Background**

**1.1** The erstwhile two Central Sector Schemes namely Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for ST students and Top Class Education for ST Students earlier implemented by this Ministry to provide financial assistance for pursuing higher education of ST students were merged into a single Central Sector Scheme called **“National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students”**.

**1.2** Under this merged scheme, Fellowships are provided to ST students to take up higher studies after completing Post Graduation, such as M.Phil and Ph.D courses, Fellowship is awarded on the lines of UGC Fellowships for research students pursuing such courses on regular and full time basis. Similarly, Scholarships is provided to ST Students to encourage meritorious ST students to pursue courses at Graduate/Post Graduate level in identified Institutions of excellence, Government and Private, in professional fields such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law etc.

**1.3** Fellowship component of the merged scheme came into force from the year 2014-15 and Scholarship component from the year 2015-16. However, the scholars/students already covered under the scheme prior to these years were allowed to continue to be in the existing scheme till they complete their fellowships /studies.

## 2.0 Objective

**2.1 Fellowship:** The objective of the scheme is to encourage the ST students, a section of society with the lowest literacy levels in the country, to acquire higher education in the form of fellowships to pursue M. Phil and Ph. D. Courses, with a view to create qualified professionals to hold posts of teachers /professionals and other higher stages of employment

**2.2 Scholarship:** ST Students is intended to encourage meritorious ST students to pursue courses at Graduate/Post Graduate level in identified Institutions of excellence, Government and Private, in professional fields such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law etc.

## 3.0 Salient Features of the Scheme

**3.1 Fellowship:** The Fellowship scheme covers all Universities /Institutions recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act

**3.2** The Fellowship will be on the pattern of UGC/ICAR Fellowships awarded to research students and it will cater to the requirements of the Scheduled Tribe students pursuing research studies leading to regular and full time M.Phil, Ph.D. course only and equivalent research degree in Universities, Research Institutions and Scientific Institutions.

**3.3 Scholarship:** The Scholarship covers courses and Institutions notified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

**3.4** ST students who secure admission in these Institutes are awarded scholarships. The scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course tenure, subject to satisfactory performance.

## **4.0 Eligibility**

The Fellowship/ Scholarship will be available only to the ST candidates who fulfill the following conditions for the award:

### **4.1 Fellowship:**

- 4.1.1 The candidate belonging to ST should have passed the Post-Graduation examination for being eligible for the Fellowship. The candidate should get admission and registration for regular and full time M.Phil/Ph.D Courses in University / Academic Institutions recognized by UGC under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act / ICAR by fulfilling conditions of admission of that University/Institution.
- 4.1.2 The list of University/Academic Institution as referred to in sub para (i) above shall be identified by ministry.
- 4.1.3 The ST students once considered eligible for the Fellowship shall not be entitled for any other scholarship of the Centre or State Government the same study.
- 4.1.4 The fellowship shall be payable once the student has secured admission and started the research work.
- 4.1.5 In order to qualify for Senior Research Fellowship a candidate will have to fulfill the UGC/ICAR norms prescribed in this regard.

### **4.2. Scholarship:**

- 4.2.1 ST students who have secured admission in the notified Institutions according to the norms prescribed by the respective Institutions will be eligible for the scholarship under the scheme.
- 4.2.2 The student will be eligible to join only the list of Institution identified by Ministry.
- 4.2.3 The total family income of the candidate to be eligible for this scholarship from all sources should not exceed Rs.6.0 lakh per annum.

4.2.4 The scholarship shall be payable once the student has secured admission and started attending the classes.

4.2.5 The scholarship awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance of the student.

## 5.0 Procedure for selection of Institutes

### 5.1 Procedure for selection of Universities for Fellowship

The scheme presently covers all Universities/Institutions recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act/ICAR. The addition/deletion of institutes in the list will be done by the Ministry.

### 5.2 Procedures for selection of Institutes for Scholarship

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is authorized to select and notify the list of reputed premier Institutions.

## 6.0 Number of Fellowships/Scholarships

### 6.1 Slot for Fellowships:

6.1.1 The total number of fresh fellowships each year, will be 750. In case of non-availability of adequate number of Scheduled Tribe candidates, the number of fellowships not availed during a year will be carried forward to the next academic session. **There is no State/University wise ceiling on number of slots.**

6.1.2 In case the number of candidates exceeds the number of available awards, the MoTA will select the candidates based on a criterion of marks obtained in the last passed examination. Slots will be provided to sub-categories in the following priority:

Priority	Category	Slots
1	Person with Disability (PWD)WD	3% of total slots
2	PVTG (List at Annexure-VIII)	50 slots
3	BPL	50 slots
4	Female	30% of total slots



In case of adequate number of application is not received for the above sub-category, then slots will be allotted to eligible ST candidates on the basis of inter-se merit based on last passed examination.

## **6.2 Slots for Scholarship:**

**6.2.1** The total number of fresh Scholarship each year is 1000. **There is no ceiling in Institution wise and stream wise number of slots for the Top-Class Institution.**

**6.2.2** In case the number of candidates exceeds the number of available awards the criteria will be followed as mentioned at para 6.1.2.

**6.2.3** The remaining left out candidates from ST category admitted in the institute in different courses may apply for the Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) administered by this Ministry as a Centrally sponsored scheme, provided such students are otherwise eligible for the said scheme.

## **7.0 Selection of candidates:**

### **7.1.1 Advertisement for inviting applications:**

**Fellowship:** The Scheme of Fellowship will be advertised in the leading newspapers, Employment News. A portal is being developed at Ministry to invite online fellowship application. Candidates shall, after getting registration/admission in the notified Universities/Institutes and after assessing their eligibility and suitability as per the criteria prescribed for Fellowship

**Scholarship:** The Scheme for Scholarship will be advertised in the National Scholarship Portal every year in the beginning of the academic session. Candidates shall, after getting registration/admission in the notified Universities/Institutes and after assessing their eligibility and suitability as per the criteria prescribed for Scholarship apply online through the Scholarship Portal strictly within the cutoff date and time given in the advertisement. The applications submitted after the cutoff date and time shall not be entertained/considered.

## 7.1.2 Selection process:

**7.1.2.1 Fellowship:** An online portal is developed by Ministry for inviting application. Candidates after taking admission for the various courses in the notified Universities/Institutes will submit the application online for fellowship. Selection list of the eligible candidates for the award of Fellowship based on the data available online will be auto generated and displayed on the portal.

- Hard/soft copy of Thesis will be furnished to MoTA
- University will make sure that Teacher/Guide does not enroll more students than allowed as per UGC norms
- MoTA may from time to time check with guide/student regularly the progress of work. In case MoTA finds the progress unsatisfactory, it may discontinue the fellowship

**7.1.2.2 Scholarship:** An end-to-end online portal [www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in) for application, processing, approval, disbursement and monitoring has been developed by this Ministry. Candidates after taking admission for the various courses in the notified Universities/Institutes will submit the application online for scholarships.

**7.1.2.3** The provided in the application form will be verified by the respective Institute.

**7.1.2.4** Institute will verify authentication of the following certificate:

- Scheduled Tribe, Certificate issued by the competent authority.
- Certificate to the effect that the total family income from all sources shall not exceed Rs 6.0 lakh per annum in the case of Scholarships
- Every year, the Institute will verify & forward Annual Income Certificate in case of Scholarship scheme. For first year the income certificate should have been issued by competent Authority. From second year onwards students can submit self certified income certificate.
- Amount of full Annual tuition fee and other nonrefundable dues payable by the candidate to the Institute in the case of Scholarships.
- PVTG, BPL certificate issued by the competent authority (if applicable).

**7.1.2.5** All applications submitted within the stipulated date and time shall be processed based on the criteria mentioned at Para 6.1.2.

**7.1.2.6** Merit list of the eligible candidates for the award of Scholarship based on the data available online will be auto generated and displayed on the portal.

**7.1.2.7** Candidates who are included in the merit list but not selected for the award of Scholarship, shall be eligible for the Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) administered by this Ministry as a centrally sponsored scheme, provided such students are otherwise eligible for the said scheme.

## **8.0 Duration**

### **8.1 Tenure of Fellowship**

The maximum duration for which the fellowships are available is given below: -

a.	Enrollment of M.Phil.	2 years
b	Ph.D Exclusively	5 years
c.	Enrollment of Ph.D after completion of M.Pil	2 years (M.Phil) and 3 years (Ph.D)

### **8.2 Tenure of Scholarship**

- (i) The duration of the course varies as per the course selected by the candidates. The scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance.
  
- (ii) In case of students who cannot complete the course in due time, provision for extension of scholarships as per the norm of course may be made only for admissible tuition fee subject to report in this regard being given by Principal/Dean of College/Institution.

## 9.0 Financial Assistance

### 9.1 Financial Assistance for Fellowship

	Fellowship	Contingency	HRA	Escorts/Reader Assistance
M.Phil	@ Rs. 25000/- PM	i.Rs.10000/per year for Humanities & Social Sciences ii.Rs.12000/-per year for Science, Engineering Technology	As per rules of the University/Institutions/Colleges	Rs.2000/-p.m in case of physically handicapped and blind candidates for all the subjects
Ph.D	@ Rs.28000/- PM	i.Rs.20500 per year for Humanities & Social Sciences ii. Rs.25000 per year for Science, Engineering Technology		

*Note: The fellow doing M.phil will be paid fellowship amount upto the period of 02 years or the date of dissertation whichever is earlier. The fellow doing Ph.D will be paid fellowship amount upto 5 years or the date of viva-voce whichever is earlier.*

## 9.2 Financial Assistance for Scholarship

Under the scheme, the ST students will be awarded a scholarship to meet the requirements for:

Component	Details	Remark
Tuition Fees	full tuition fee and other non-refundable dues in respect of Government/Government-funded institutions.	There will be a ceiling of Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum per student for private sector institutions
Books & Stationery	@ Rs.3000/-	per annum per student without bills/vouchers
Living expenses	2200/-per month	Amount will be provided as per actuals subject to maximum ceiling 26400/- per annum
Computer & Accessories	Rs.45000/- One time assistance during the tenure)	Computer may be Desktop/Laptop etc. The accessories may, interalia, include all kind of printers, CDs/DVDs, Keyboard, Mainboard, Motherboard, Hard Disk Drive, Mouse, Sound adapters, Toners, Speakers, USB Hubs/Cables, Memory Chips, Memory Card readers etc.

## 10.0 Funding pattern

**10.1 Fellowship:** It is a Central Sector Scheme and Ministry of Tribal Affairs will provide 100% funding for the scheme. The funds will be released by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs on quarterly basis for Fellowship

**10.2 Scholarship :** It is a Central Sector Scheme and Ministry of Tribal Affairs will provide 100% funding for the scheme and fund will be released in a single installment for Scholarship immediately after the registration/admission.

## **11.0 Implementation of the Scheme:**

The Scheme will be implemented through the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the modalities of the implementation are as follows:

### **Fellowship:**

- (i) MoTA will notify the scheme by inserting suitable advertisements in the Newspaper/ Websites /Portal.
- (ii) University/Institution will be responsible for verifying genuineness of the requisite certificates furnished by the candidates in order to eliminate the possibility of students availing the Fellowship on fake certificates shall rest with concerned. The University/Institute will not charge any fee for verification.
- (iii) Fellowship will become payable to successful ST students who are included in the selection list auto generated by the portal only upon securing registration/admission in any of the notified University/Institution and fulfilling the eligibility criteria prescribed for the Scheme.
- (iv) The students, who are awarded the Fellowship under the scheme, shall have to pursue the study in the respective University/Institution on full time basis.
- (v) The performance of the ST students covered under the scheme shall be monitored regularly by the Head of the Department of respective university /Institute and the same shall be reported, through a report card, to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at the end of each academic year.
- (vi) Any Institution violating the provisions of the Scheme and/or instructions issued by the Government of India will be de-notified. In the event of de-notification/deletion of any Institution, the Fellowship will continue to be available to the ST students already admitted under the scheme, if otherwise eligible, till completion of the course. However, no fresh seats

will be allotted and no funds will be released to such de-notified Institution.

(vii) Decision of the MoTA in regard to awarding the Fellowship shall be final.

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- (vii) Decision of the MoTA in regard to awarding the Scholarship shall be final.

## **12.0 Modalities for payment:**

**12.1** Payment of the Fellowship/Scholarship amount of the scheme for STs would be made through the system of Direct Benefit Transfer through the Aadhaar Payment Bridge into the Aadhaar seeded bank a/c of the beneficiaries from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The selected candidates should obtain the Aadhaar number on priority basis. Pending Aadhaar seeding of the beneficiary bank a/c, payment would be made into the bank account through NEFT.

**12.2** Payment of scholarships to the selected students will be made on yearly basis and for fellowship on quarterly basis respectively, through the Direct Benefit Transfer system by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs through the accredited bank immediately after selection of the candidates. This will also help Ministry to monitor using the Public Financial Management System – PFSM (formerly CPSMS).

**12.3** The selected candidates would be required to have bank accounts in banks having Core Banking Solutions.

**12.4** In case the students are not having Aadhaar numbers, they are required to apply for Aadhaar Card, within a month of their registration/admission in the courses under the Fellowship/Scholarship.

**12.5** No Scholarship will be considered if Aadhar number is not mentioned in the registration form.

## **13.0 Administrative Cost:**

The Project Management cost @2% of the estimated cost is provided in the scheme. This shall be optimally and judiciously utilized for the purpose of hiring the services of Consultants/MIS experts, office equipment & furniture, advertisement, awareness campaign, meetings, development and hosting charges, server charges, bank charges if any, office contingences (internet/telephone/stationery etc.), and for the purpose of Monitoring & Evaluation.



#### **14.0 Review and Monitoring:**

**14.1** Expenditure on evaluation/monitoring and administration of the Fellowship/Scholarship programme shall be done by MoTA out of 2% of the administrative cost under the Scheme.

**14.2** In the case of Fellowship, concerned Universities/Institutions/committee shall assess the work on the completion of two years "tenure of the M.Phil and for the award of Ph.D". The research work being done by the candidates shall be monitored by this mechanism. The concerned Universities/Institutions shall send a list of such fellows who have completed the studies with fellowships received under the scheme and Ministry will maintain year-wise data of such beneficiaries.

**14.3** In the case of Scholarships, concerned College/Institutions shall send the list of such students who have successfully completed the course with scholarships received under the scheme at the end of every academic session and the Ministry will maintain year-wise data of such beneficiaries.

**14.4** The progress of implementation of the scheme will be reviewed by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs through Committee consisting of the following: -

(a)	Secretary (M/o TA)	Chairperson
(b)	Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (M/o TA)	Member
(c)	Joint Secretary, M/o TA	Member
(d)	Joint Secretary, M/o SJ&E	Member
(e)	Joint Secretary, Deptt.of Higher Education, M/o HRD	Member
(f)	Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Medical Education, M/H&FW	Member
(g)	One representative of the UGC	Member
(h)	Director/Deputy Secretary, Scholarship Division, M/o TA	Member Secretary

**14.5** The Committee may invite an expert as a special invitee, as and when it deems necessary.

**14.6** The Committee may recommend to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs about addition or deletion of any institution based on their performance. For the purpose, the Committee may take into account the recommendations of the concerned bodies conducting entrance examination for admissions into such courses or having the administrative control over such Institutes.

**14.7** The committee will also decide the eligible candidates for paying fellowship.

#### **15.0 Nature of Assistance available under the scheme**

The tenure of fellowship is initially for two years under the National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST Students Scheme. Before expiry of this period, the work of the Fellow will be evaluated by a Committee of three members comprising of Head of the Department, Supervisor and one outside subject expert to be constituted by the concerned Department of the /University/Institution/College. If the research work is found satisfactory, his/her tenure will be extended further for a period of three years for upgradation from M.Phil to Ph.D under the enhanced emoluments of the National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST Candidates (Ph.D) in Annexure-VI. The recommendation of the Committee shall be submitted to the Ministry Designated Team for upgradation to the level of National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST Students Ph.D. The work done and the time spent on scholarships or fellowships of any agency other than the Ministry designated team will not be taken into account while considering the proposals for enhancement in the value of fellowship. The fellowship may be withdrawn if the work is not considered satisfactory or the candidate fails in any of the examinations related to Ph.D. In case the work for the first two years is not found satisfactory, an additional year will be given to him/her for improvement. However, during this period he/she will be designated as National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST Students M.Phil.

In such cases work will be evaluated again before third year of the tenure, and if improvement is found, the Fellow will get two more years under the National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST Students (Ph.D). Thus, the total period of fellowship (National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST Students M.Phil and Ph.D) is for five years, with no further provision of extension.

## **16.0 Other criteria**

The payment of fellowship for the gap period from M.Phil to Ph.D may be made and shall be counted in the total tenure of the fellowship i.e. for five years, if the candidates are actually working in the university during the gap period. However, the total period of the fellowship shall remain five years. The gap period for the registration in Ph.D after completion of M.Phil is strictly one year only and ***Fellowship will lapse if the gap is more than one year.***

### **16.1 Submission of Bond**

The beneficiary shall be required to submit the bond at the time of joining fellowship. Ministry may prescribe that the details of project summary details being done by the student should be submitted at Ministry within three months of release of the first installment of the fellowship. If the student discontinues the fellowship without completion of the course for any reason, he/she liable to refund 50% of the total fellowship amount received by him/her to the Ministry. (Please refer Annexure-VII)

### **16.2 Leave benefit for fellowship**

- i. The candidates are entitled for a maximum period of 30 days of leave in a year in addition to public holidays. They are not entitled to any other vacation.
- ii. Candidates are eligible for maternity/Paternity leave as per Govt. of India norms issued from time to time at full rates of fellowship once during the tenure of their award.
- iii. Beside this an "Intermittent Break" for a maximum period of 1 year may also be permissible to the women candidates. The leave can be availed 3 times during the entire period of fellowship. However, the total duration of leave shall not exceed one year. This Flexi Time period should not be counted towards the tenure of the fellowship and thus effectively the total period of fellowship will remain the same.

- iv. **Academic Leave:** Academic leave without fellowship shall be permissible only for one year throughout the tenure (for any kind of academic assignment/teaching/foreign visit in connection with research work). The period of leave without fellowship will be counted towards the tenure. Expenditure on foreign visit in connection to research work cannot be claimed from Ministry.

**Note: All kinds of leave should be approved at the level of the University/College/Institute. Prior approval of the University/Institute/College is mandatory for all types of leaves.**

#### **17.0 Transfer of fellowship**

The Fellowship will be permitted to transfer the fellowship from one Universities/Institutes/Colleges to another Universities/Institutes/Colleges under special circumstances with prior approval of the Ministry based on 'No Objection Certificate' from both Universities/Institutes/Colleges.

#### **18.0 Uploading Documents for fellowship**

##### **18.1 Fellowship**

###### For registration

- (i) Photograph
- (ii) Caste Certificate
- (iii) BPL card (if applicable)
- (iv) Post-Graduation passing certificate
- (v) Physically Handicapped certificate (if applicable)

###### After Selection

- (i) Non-Judicial bond (original to be produced at the time joining)
- (ii) Certificate from Head of the Department/Institution stating that the necessary facilities will be provided by the college/University/Institution in case the candidates selected for this fellowship.
- (iii) Details about the project (Topic & Methodology etc.)
- (iii) Award letter
- (vi) Joining report

- (vii) Upgradation certificate (for candidates who upgraded from M.Phil to Ph.D)-if applicable
- (viii) Proof of bank account in the name of student

**For Disbursement of fellowship**

- (i) Continuation Certificate from the Institution (quarterly)
- (ii) HRA (quarterly)
- (iii) Progress report (yearly)

**18.2 Scholarship**

- (i) Domicile Certificate
  - (ii) Student Photograph
  - (iii) Institute verification form/Bonafied certificate
  - (iv) Income certificate by competent authority (Tehsildar/Executive Magistrate/District Magistrate/ Revenue Officer etc.). Please Note that for first year self-certified income certificates (i.e not signed by a competent authority) will not be accepted.
  - (v) Caste certificate by competent authority (Tehsildar/Executive Magistrate/District Magistrate/ Revenue Officer etc.)
  - (vi) Certificate of previous academic marksheet attested by Institute
  - (vii) Fee Receipt of current course year
  - (viii) Proof of bank account in the name of student
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## 19.0 Annexures for fellowship

### 19.1 Annexure-I

**MINSITRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS,  
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#### JOINING REPORT

#### AWARD OF M.Phil/Ph.D IN SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES UNDER NATIONAL FELLOSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER STUDIES OF ST STUDENTS

Name of Awardee:

This is to certify that .....has joined the Department of  
.....for doing M.Phil/Ph.D.....under the above scheme of the  
Ministry with effect from .....(F.N./A.N.). He/She will be provided with all necessary  
facilities during his/her tenure of award. The terms and conditions of the offer are  
acceptable to the awardee.

Also certified that the Fellow shall not accept/hold any emoluments, paid or otherwise, or  
receive emoluments, salary, stipend etc., from any other source during the tenure of the  
award.

**Signature of Awardee**

Roll No:

Aadhar No:

Address:

**Supervisor  
(Seal)**

**Head of Department**

Registrar/Principal/Director

(Seal of University/Institution)

Name of the Guide:

Topic:

**19.2 Annexure- II**

**MINSITRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS,  
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**H. R. A. Certificate**

**AWARD OF M.Phil/Ph.D IN SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES UNDER  
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER STUDIES OF ST STUDENTS**

Certificate No. 1

Certified that Mr./Ms.....is paying house Rent of  
Rs.....and is eligible to draw House Rent  
allowance @ Rs.....as per university rules  
w.e.f.....

**Registrar**

OR Certificate No. 2

Certified that Mr./Ms.....is  
Staying independently and, therefore, is eligible to draw House Rent Allowance of  
Rs.....minimum admissible to a lecturer as per university  
rules w.e.f.

**Registrar**

OR

Certificate No. 3

Certified that Mr./Ms. .... has been  
Provided accommodation in the hostel. However, he/she could not be provided with  
single-seated flat-type accommodation. Hostel fee @ Rs. ....per month  
w.e.f. ....is being charged from him/her.

**Registrar**

If, as a result of a check or audit objection, some irregularity is noticed at a later stage, action  
will be taken to refund, adjust or regularize the objected amount.

**Signature of Awardee**

**Head of Department  
(Seal of University/Institution)**

**Registrar/Principal/Director  
(Seal)**

*N.B: For any correspondence in this regard, the Ministry letter number and date may please  
be quoted without fail.*

**19.3 Annexure-III**

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**CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE**

**AWARD OF M.Phil/Ph.D IN SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES UNDER  
NATIONAL FELLOSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER STUDIES OF ST STUDENTS**

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs/Mrs.....  
has been continuously working in the Department in the subject under the above scheme for  
the quarter from..... to .....

Signature  
Date:

Signature  
Date:

Signature  
Date:

Name of the Awardee

Head of the Deptt.

Registrar

Director/Principal



**19.4 Annexure-IV**

**MINSITRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS,  
SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001**

**FORM FOR UTILISATION CERTIFICATE FOR FELLOWSHIP**

**AWARD OF M.Phil/Ph.D IN SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES UNDER  
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER STUDIES OF ST STUDENTS**

Certificate that an amount of  
Rs.....  
.....  
(Rupees ..... ) sanctioned vide letter  
NO.....dated.....released to .....in respect of  
Junior Research Fellowship / Senior Research Fellowship / Contingency/ HRA/  
Departmental Assistance etc. under the scheme of 'At any one given time basis' has been  
utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned in accordance with the terms and  
conditions laid down by the Ministry. Out of the grant sanctioned in respect of  
Mr./Ms.....has been carried forward/refunded vide Demand  
Draft ..... No.....dated  
.....for Rs. ....

If, as a result of a check or audit objection, some irregularity is noticed at a later stage, action  
will be taken to refund/adjust or regularize the objected amount.

**Signature of Awardee**

**(Seal)**

**Head of Department  
Registrar/Principal/Director  
(Seal of University/Institution)**

**19.5 Annexure-V**

**MINSITRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS,  
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**YEARLY PROGRESS REPORT**

**AWARD OF M.Phil/Ph.D IN SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES UNDER  
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER STUDIES OF ST STUDENTS**

**YEARLY PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD W.E.F.**  
.....

1. Name of Fellow:
2. Number and date of award letter:
3. Details of Research:
  - a. Topic of research:
  - b. Is the Fellow working on the topic for the award of doctorate degree?
  - c. If so, the date of resignation with the university:
4. Date of commencement of research:
  - a. At the University:
  - b. Under the UGC Fellowship:
5. Total number of working days during the period:
6. Number of days the Fellow remained on leave (with dates):
  - a. With fellowship, number of days:  
From .....to.....
  - b. Without Fellowship, number of days:  
From.....to.....
7. Number days the Fellow remained out of station for fieldwork/travel with dates and place visited:
  - a. Number of days.....from.....to.....
  - b. places visited:
8. Number of days the fellow remained present at the university/college:
9. Published during the period under report:  
Title of the article/paper (please enclose reprint of each):

10. Title of monograph written during the period under report:  
Teaching work done during the period under report:
  - a. Number of periods taken per week at B.Sc.(Engg.)/B.Tech./B.E. level:
  - b. Number of periods taken per week at M.E./M.Sc./Engg/M.Tech. level:
11. A detailed account of the work done during the period (a separate sheet may be attached for the purpose):
12. Comments of the supervisor on the progress of the research work during the period under report:

Signature of Awardee

(Seal)

Head of Department

Registrar/Principal/Director

(Seal of University/Institution)

**19.6 Annexure-VI**

**MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS,  
SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001**

**AWARD OF M.Phil/Ph.D IN SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES UNDER  
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER STUDIES OF ST STUDENTS**

**THREE MEMBER ASSESSMENT**

Assessment for upgradation of Mr./Ms./Mrs. ....M.Phil working  
at the Department of .....University/Institution/college.....on  
completion of two years on date..... **CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE**

(Name and Designation) (ONE OUTSIDE EXPERT OF CONCERNED SUBJECT

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Date of Joining:

Ph.D. registration No.:

Date of Meeting:

Time:

**VENUE OF ASSESSMENT/INTERVIEW:**

The Committee assessed the progress of the candidate through their presentation followed  
by interview and recommended as follows

(Satisfactory/Good/Very Good/Excellent) (Strike out whichever is not applicable)

In view of the outstanding very good/satisfactory performance of the M.Phil, and the fact  
that he/she has published work to his/her credit the committee makes the following  
recommendations.

Mr./Mrs./Ms:..... may be upgraded from M.Phil to  
Ph.D w.e.f.....

Signature

Date:

Name of the Supervisor  
(seal)

Signature

Name:

Head of Department  
(seal)

Signature

Name:

Registrar/Director/Principal  
(seal)

Signature outside Expert

Date

Name of the Expert

19.6 Annexure-VII

MINSITRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS,  
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BOND

(FOR SCHOLARS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED TRIBES AND PRIMITIVE TRIBES GROUPS (PTGs) AWARDED FELLOWSHIP UNDER THE SCHEME OF NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGEHER EDUCATION OF ST CANDIDATES (from 2017-18 to 2019-20)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT

I,

\_\_\_\_\_

Son/daughter

\_\_\_\_\_

of

\_\_\_\_\_

(Permanent Address)

belonging to Scheduled Castes/Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes/  
Landless Agricultural labourers and

Traditional Artisans family (hereinafter called 'The Awardee') AND  
\_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter

\_\_\_\_\_

of

\_\_\_\_\_

(hereinafter called 'The surety', which expression shall unless excluded by or repugnant to the context, be deemed to include his/her successors, heirs, executors, administrator and assigns) do hereby jointly or severally bind ourselves, our respective heirs, executors or administrators to pay to the President of India acting through the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (hereinafter called 'The Government' which expression shall unless excluded by or repugnant to the context, be deemed to include his successors in office, representatives and assigns) on demand and without any demur, the 50% of the total fellowship amount received from the Ministry under the scheme of National Fellowship and Scholarship for higher education of ST candidates (hereinafter referred to as 'Scheme').

The total amount of fellowship components are Fellowship, Contingency, HRA, Escort Allowance (only for physically handicapped), The awardee has been selected for the award under the said Scheme for the selection year \_\_\_\_\_.

All disputes arising out of terms and conditions of this Scheme for performance of this Bond shall be subject to the sole jurisdiction of Law Courts situated in Union Territory of Delhi/NCT of Delhi.

WHEREAS the 'awardee' represents that he/she belongs to Scheduled Tribe.

AND WHEREAS THE 'awardee' has entered into the bond for the performance of a public duty and a duty in which public is interested.

AND WHEREAS THE 'awardee' has been nominated to a Government of India award for the selection year \_\_\_\_\_ under the said Scheme.

AND WHEREAS one of the conditions of the grant of such fellowship requires that the awardee should execute one bond in favour of the Government of India alongwith two different sureties in the manner aforesaid.

**NOW THE CONDITIONS OF THE WRITTEN OBLIGATION IS THAT**

In the event of: -

1. The awardee not conforming to or observing the regulations governing the Scheme;
2. the awardee refusing to hand over and surrender to the Government whole or part of the such honorarium or other monies received by him/her as aforesaid, if and when required to do so by the Government;
3. the awardee failing to complete successfully his/her studies for reasons other than ill-health, provided that such ill health has not been brought on by his/her own neglect, carelessness, or misconduct (of which a certificate of medical officer nominated by the Indian Mission abroad shall be conclusive);
4. the awardee contracting an infectious disease requiring prolonged hospitalisation, forbidding the medical advisers/attendants from communicating the nature and condition of disease to Indian Missions concerned or Government;

5. it being transpired that the claim/statement made by the awardee that he/she belongs to Scheduled Tribe is false or incorrect;

The said Awardee and the Surety shall forthwith pay/refund and without demur to the Government within 30(thirty) days from the date of demand the 50% of the total fellowship amount received from the Ministry under the scheme. In any event, it will be the obligation of the Surety to ensure the payment of aforesaid amount within the stipulated period stated above and he/she shall have no obligation to go into the veracity of any such demand so made and shall pay the amount specified in the demand notwithstanding any direction to the contrary given or any dispute whatsoever raised by any other person.

It is hereby agreed and declared that the decision of the Government of India as to whether the awardee has or has not performed, observed or discharged the obligations and conditions herein before mentioned and as to whether what amount is refundable to the Government of India will be final and binding on the awardee and the surety.

IT IS SPECIFICALLY agreed and declared by the Surety that this bond is in addition of and not in lieu of any other surety bond. There will be no necessity for the Government of India to exhaust other remedy, which it may have under any other surety/assurance/Bond before demanding the aforesaid amount or any part thereof from the Surety under this Bond.



PROVIDED ALSO THAT this bond shall in all respects be governed by the laws in India.

IN WITNESS to the above written bond and conditions hereto we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

(Awardee) (Surety)  
have hereunto set our respective hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ Two Thousand \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed and delivered by the above named awardee in the presence of :

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (awardee)

\* (1) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*(2) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and delivered by the above named Surety in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Surety)

\*(1) \_\_\_\_\_

\*(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

For and on behalf of the President of India (the Accepting Officer will not be less than Under Secretary to the Government of India

\* Witnesses are required to be Gazetted Officer only, who will put their Official seals also, below their signatures.

(1) Full Name of the Awardee and address \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Full Name, Designation and address of the surety and relation, if any, to Awardee : \_\_\_\_\_

19.7 Annexure-VIII

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PVTG LIST

Names of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) - State / UT wise.

S.No.	Name of the State /UT	Name of PVTGs
1	Andhra Pradesh ( including Telangana)	1. Bodo Gadaba 2. Bodo Poroja 3. Chenchu 4. Dongna Khond 5. Gutob Gadaba 6. Khond Poroja 7. Kolam 8. Kondareddis 9. Konda Savaras 10. Kutia Khond 11. Parengi Poroja 12. Thoti
2	Bihar (including Jharkhand)	13. Asurs 14. Birhor 15. Birjia 16. Hill Kharia 17. Korwas 18. Mal Paharia 19. Parhaiyas 20. Sauria Pahana 21. Savar
3	Gujarat	22. Kathodi 23. Kotwalia 24. Padhar 25. Siddi 26. Kolgha
4	Karnataka	27. Jenu Kuruba 28. Koraga
5	Kerala	29. Cholanaikeyan (a section of Kaitunaickans) 30. Kadar 31. Kattunayakan 32. Kurumbas 33. Koraga
6	Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh)	34. Abujh Marias 35. Baigas 36. Bharias 37. Hill Korwas 38. Kamars 39. Saharias 40. Birhor
7	Maharashtra	41. Katkaria (Kathodia) 42. Kolam 43. Maria Gond

8	Manipur	44. Morram Nagas
9	Orissa	45. Birhor 46. Bondo 47. Didayi 48. Dongria-Khond 49. Juangs 50. Kharias 51. Kutia Kondh 52. Lanjia Sauras 53. Lothas 54. Mankidias 55. Paudi Bhuyans 56. Soura 57. Chuktia Bhunjia
10	Rajasthan	58. Sehanas
11	Tamil Nadu	59. Kattu Nayakans 60. Kotas 61. Kurumbas 62. Irulas 63. Paniyans 64. Todas
12	Tripura	65. Reangs
13	Uttar Pradesh (including Uttarakhand)	66. Buxas 67. Rajis
14	West Bengal	68. Birhor 69. Lothas 70. Totos
15	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	71. Great Andamanese 72. Jarawas 73. Onges 74. Sentinelese 75. Shom Pens